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A sleeve of thin flexible sheet material adapted to be fitted around the pot of a potted plant so as to embrace the pot in such a manner that it is not easily displaced and to extend upwardly around the plant contained in the pot, the sleeve being provided with a tear line, perforations or line of weakness at least around a level that in use corresponds with the top of the pot whereby the upper part of the sleeve can be detached from the part around the pot.

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Complete Specification for the invention entitled:

Improvements in or relating to the packaging of potted plants

The following statement is a full description f this invention including the best m thod of performing it known to us :-

The present invention relates to the packaging of potted plants, that is to say to plants sold in a growing state in soil contained in a pot or like container.

It has been proposed that such pott d plants, prior to leaving the nursery in which they are grown, should be protected by means of a sleeve, usually of transparent sheet material which extends around the potted plant so as to protect the plant against accidental damage during transport. In some cases the pot is made in a tapered configuration and the sleeve is also tapered, its dimensions being such that the sleeve fits tightly around the pot and extends upwardly from it around the plant.

It is intended that when such plants are displayed for sale the sleeve should be removed so that the plant can be seen clearly. It has been found in practice that retailers displaying such potted plants do not remove the sleeve with the result that the plant is displayed unattractively.

The object of the present invention is to provide a sleeve for the purpose described above which is contructed in 20 such a manner that the part surrounding the plant itself can be readily removed from the part surrounding the pot, which latter part can be used as a means for displaying a message, indication of origin or publicity material.

The invention consists in a sleeve of thin flexible sheet material adapted to be fitted around the pot of a potted plant so as to embrace the pot in such a manner that it is not easily displaced and to extend upwardly around the plant contained in the pot, the sleeve being provided with a tear line, perforations or line of weakness at least around a level that in use corresponds with the top of the pot whereby the upper part of the sleeve can be detached from the part around the pot. The sleeve is preferably provided also with one or more longitudinally extending tear lines, lines of performations or lines of weakness extending from the top f the sleeve to a level corresponding with the top of the pt.

In order that the invention may be better understood and put int practice a pr ferred form of th invention is hereinafter d scribed by way f example with reference to the accompanying drawings in which:-

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a sleeve according to

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The claims defining the invention are as follows:-

- 1. A sleeve of thin flexible sheet material adapted to be fitted ar und the pot of a p tted plant s as to embrace the pot in such a manner that it is not easily displaced and to extend upwardly around the plant contained in the pot, the sleeve being provided with a tear line, perforations or line of weakness at least around a level that in use corresponds with the top of the pot whereby the upper part of the sleeve can be detached from the part around the pot.
- 2. A sleeve as claimed in Claim 1 wherein the sleeve is also provided with one or more longitudinally extending tear lines, lines of perforations, or lines of weakness, extending from the top of the sleeve to a level that in use corresponds with the top of the pot.
- 3. A sleeve as claimed in Claim 1 or Claim 2 wherein ventilation holes are formed in the part of the sleeve above the first mentioned tear line, perforations or line of weakness.
 - 4. A sleeve as claimed in any one of the preceding claims wherein the lower part of the sleeve is printed with a trade mark, message or other material.
 - 5. A sleeve substantially as described with reference to and as illustrated in the accompanying drawings.

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